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That dogs are a Chinese delicacy is fairly well-known, but that cats, from a sought-after dish in the menu will come as a surprise to many. I understand it is apparently the case judging from the evidence given in a police court case this morning.

A woman was charged with killing a neighbor's cat, and when asked why she had killed it, she said she had killed it because it was a nuisance. The cat was a Siamese cat, and the woman was a Chinese woman.

The Inspector stated that cat is a delicacy much esteemed by local Chinese and some attributed medicinal properties to the dish. The woman had killed it with the object of "cat wing" it, the cat was already skinned.

Mr. Hazeland fined the woman \$25 or a month's imprisonment in default.

MARINE OFFICERS' PAY.

As regards the pay of the Captains and Officers engaged in the many Clyde coasting steamer and the increases of pay which have already been notified by the Imperial Merchant Service Guild who have been engaged in this matter for some time, the Guild have now received an official communication from the Laird Line, Limited, of Glasgow, a Company owning some dozen steamers, to the effect that they have granted substantial advances to the Captains and Officers in their steamers, taking effect from first full pay in the present month.

VICAR'S PLAY FOR MILLS.

For Sunday Performance in New York.

Miss Gaby Deslys, who has been performing at the Palace Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, has had some earnest conference with the Rev. A. J. Waldron, vicar of Ebrington, on the subject of taking up the American rights in his "domestic morality problem," in one act, entitled "Should a Woman Tell?" This brief drama is now being performed twice nightly at the Victoria Palace, and the appeal for tolerance for the women who on the eve of her wedding is asked by her fiancé to tell the story of her life appears to Miss Gaby Deslys to have true Christian qualities and a beautiful moral.

"I have read the play," she explained, "and I think it is good. I had talks about it at lunch with the vicar, and now I may take it from him to play in New York when I go there in two weeks. In New York one cannot dance in the theatre on Sunday, so I give this nice play. It is a moral play, and I like to act in it when I go to New York on Sunday evenings. I will be the woman in the play that refuses to tell any tale."

Mr. Waldron said: "If I may not take luncheon with Miss Gaby Deslys, who may I am chaplain to the Actors' Church Union, and if their own chaplain cannot meet the actors and actresses, who can I Miss Gaby Deslys is a nice, practical, and good woman."

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had so many true or so many false worshippers. The cruel, side-splitting at Wordsworth which comes into Bulwer Lytton's singularly meaningless criticism of Tennyson is another case in point.

Jingling melody of purloined conceits.

Outbidding Wordsworth and outguttering Keats.

"Outbidding Wordsworth! It is indeed the phrase of a leader of those who go astray. It took a man of first-rate talent, if not of genius, thus to bring forward an obvious defect, and set it in such a light as to make it overshadow for a moment the inspiration of the immortal bard. We hear the philistines rejoicing as they read, and ranging themselves behind a great (or moderately great) man in error. With a shudder we fix our mind upon Matthew Arnold's criticism of Wordsworth. 'He spoke and loosed our heart in tears.' There are a number of young philistines also who will be hugely delighted to read what George Meredith said about Tennyson. Of the 'Holy Grail' he wrote: 'The lines are satin lengths, the figures Sèvres china. . . Why, this stuff is not the muse, it's masonry. The man has got hold of the muse's clothes line and hung it with jewelry.' He calls the 'Idylls of the King' 'yards of linen—drapery for the delight of ladies.' The criticism is piercing, it makes a rent in a thing of beauty which can never be mended—and that though the critic pricks himself with his weapon when he adds, 'The praises of the book shut me away from my fellows.' An ill-conditioned criticism is never adopted as a final judgment. But the saying is so memorable and represents the the minds of so many that it can not be forgotten when the judges sum up. Meredith did not understand Tennyson or 'the proud full-sail of his great verse.' The feeling, however, was mutual. Mr. Endacott is evidently not aware that Tennyson once said that 'reading Meredith was like wading through glue.' A great number, even from among those who have a right to be called well-read, will be secretly delighted to hear Hallam say of Carlyle's 'French Revolution': 'The style is so abominable I could not get on with it.' There is, of course, no appeal from the recognized fact of the book's brilliance, but how many readers have been so dazzled and confused by it that, like Hallam, they could not get on! To them his criticism will seem 'the truth at last.' 'Eh! The poor miserable skeleton of a book!' sighed Carlyle as he put down Hallam's 'European History.' These literary great men can well be trusted to take their own parts."

In what George Moore said of Meredith he seems "simply giving expression to what all who are not Meredithians think, but for once the world has decided that a critic is in possession of the truth."

"Mr. George Moore has placed himself without the charmed circle, and there has spoken his mind in a manner to attract a crowd. 'In George Meredith there is nothing but crackjaw sentences, empty and unpleasant in the mouth as sterile nuts.' Meredith's greatest admirer could hardly say that this was a stupid criticism; he could only say it was false, in that it failed to grasp any part of Meredith's genius but its obvious defect. On the other hand, the criticism sets one thinking. Was any masterpiece in the world of letters ever supremely great which the average man of education had a difficulty in understanding? It is Browning who makes the answer a matter for doubt.

"Apoor, however, from such very human bits of bad criticism as we have quoted, we find a few expressions of opinion made coolly and without any emotion, what ever by great men, which are simply incomprehensible. To begin with, whatever made George Meredith call Matthew Arnold 'a dandy Isaiah'? What Tolstoy said of Shakespeare throws an interesting light upon the mind of that great Russian genius. His conclusions are simply astounding. His speech of 'The Tempest,' 'Cymbeline,' and 'Twelfth Night' as 'senseless grammatical tales.' He has nothing better to say of 'King Lear' than that it is 'absurd, a production of a weak aversion and weariness.' One who

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Russian Gravel Ashold arrived here this morning from Amoy.

A party of 200 Shriners, a masonic body having a great membership in the States and Canada, has engaged all the first-class accommodation on the Great Northern steamer Minnesota on her next trip east. She is due to leave Seattle on December 30 and arrive here on February 2.

The Oxford University Press announces a 'Malay Grammar' by Mr. R. O. Winsted, of the Malay Civil Service. There is at present no work of the kind in English, and it will doubtless be found especially useful by officials preparing for the second or higher examination in the Malay language.

A European lady was summoned in the Police Court this morning by a "boy" who claimed wages in-lieu of notice, but after hearing the evidence Mr. Hazland dismissed the summons and told defendant his wages would be forfeited. His Worship added that servants could not go out when they wished, but must have permission. He said in this case appeared to think he could do just what he liked.

Missionary Anniversary services will be held in the Wesleyan Church, Wanchai, on the 7th and 8th inst. The Rev. C. Bone will preach special sermons on Sunday at 10.15 and 6 o'clock. On Monday there will be a Public Tea in the Church at 5.30 p.m. and at 7.30 p.m. a Public Meeting will be held at which H.E. the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn will preside. Addresses will be delivered by the Rev. T. W. Scholes and the Rev. C. Bone, the latter giving "A Survey of Affairs in China from a Missionary point of view."

Mr. Deenan Fuller, F.R.C.O., L.R.A.M., organist of St. John's Cathedral, gave a very enjoyable organ recital last evening at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, before a large congregation. Mr. Fuller was assisted by Miss L. White, who sang very acceptably Handel's fine aria "Rejoice greatly" and "With verdure clad" (Haydn). Mr. Fuller's programme consisted of Toccatto and Fugue in D minor, Bach; Madrigal, B. Lemaire; Barcarolle, Stendhal; Benoit; and Farefare, F. Bridge. The offertory was for church expenses.

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DEATH OF MR. BROTHERTON HARKER.

AN OLD HONGKONG RESIDENT.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mr. B. Brotherton Harker, A.M.I.C.E., which occurred last evening very suddenly at his residence, 7, Babbington Park, at the age of 51. Mr. Harker, who was exceedingly well known and respected in the Colony, went to Java last September to have performed a serious operation but from the effects of this he speedily recovered, and upon his return to Hongkong and up to the time of his death was apparently enjoying very good health. He entertained a few personal friends last evening and was retiring for the night at about eleven o'clock when he lay down and complained of feeling unwell, and a few minutes later passed very peacefully away.

Mr. Brotherton Harker's connection with Hongkong commenced as early as 1894 when he came here from South America, where he had been engaged in railway construction and other engineering enterprises, in connection with a scheme to recruit Chinese labour for the southern part of the American continent. The project fell through, and liking Hongkong Mr. Harker remained here and joined the staff of Mr. Danby, architect. Afterwards he started on his own account, and soon built up the flourishing business which he managed until the time of his death. Among the buildings of a public character which he designed are the Christian Science Church, the Tung Wah Hospital and the Sikh Temple.

Mr. Harker's quiet nature did not lead him to take a prominent part in public affairs—with one exception—but his generous disposition was nevertheless well recognised. The exception was his connection with the Masonic Order, in the interest of which he worked very hard and faithfully for many years. He was a member of most of the Lodges in the Colony, and held office in several. His appointments included the secretaryship of the Eobon Mark Lodge, and Zealand Lodge, of which he was a Past Grand Master; and he was also a member of the St. Mary Magdalene Chapter, and the Victoria Chapter.

Mr. Brotherton Harker leaves a widow and daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Austin, with whom the deceased will be taken in the Colony.

The funeral will take place this evening, the mourners leaving the monument at 4.45.

WEDDING AT THE CATHEDRAL.

At St. John's Cathedral yesterday the marriage was solemnised of Miss E. M. Harker, of Hongkong, to Mr. C. F. J. Quarles van Ufford, of the China-Japan Line. The Rev. Copley Moyle, chaplain of the cathedral, was the officiating clergyman. The bride was a charming dress of white satin and tulle, with wreath of orange blossom. Her bridesmaids were Miss V. Hicks (niece) and the little Misses M. Hancock and Edie Bina, who wore dresses of white and pink. Mr. S. P. Hicks (her brother-in-law), gave the bride away, and Mr. F. R. Rabbitt attended the bridegroom as best man. Mr. Deenan Fuller, the organist of the Cathedral played the Wedding March, and the bells were rung as the newly wedded couple left the Cathedral. A reception was held at "Montpelier," Queen's Gardens, and Mr. and Mrs. van Ufford left for Macao by the afternoon steamerboat on their honeymoon.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. C. T. Bristow, U.S. Consul of Swatow, leaves for the United States on Tuesday by the P.M. Co.'s "Korea."

Mr. V. Shewaram, manager for the firm of Messrs. Pothumall Bros., one of the prominent members of the Hindoo Community, is leaving for Bombay by the English mail steamer "Assaye."

COMMERCIAL.

COTTON AND YARN.

Messrs. Pothumall and Katwall, Cotton and Yarn Brokers, in their circular, dated Dec. 3, state:—We regret that we have again to give this notice of postponement, a full notice, and no business worth mentioning, with which our readers have become painfully familiar in recent reports. "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick," and even the stolid Chinese dealers, who, with that admirable calmness of the Chinese, are probably the most cool-headed traders in the world, are getting impatient at the continued absence of business.

The chief causes of the present adverse conditions appear to be the Canton government notes, which are quoted at less than half of their face value, and the high rate of discount of the subsidiary coin.

Total sales amount to about 1,100 bales for the fortnight.

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ACTION AGAINST CHINESE HOTEL.

JUDGMENT BY CONSENT.

Before His Honour Mr. Justice Gompertz (Puisne Judge) in the Summary Court this morning three cases were mentioned in which the Tani Tin Hotel, Ltd., is being sued by three Chinese firms for the recovery of an aggregate sum of \$40,423.

Mr. P. Sydenham Dixon, who represented the defendants, asked for an adjournment.

Mr. Otto Hong Sing, for the first plaintiff, said he was instructed to ask His Lordship to take the case this morning, as the hotel was being sold up.

Mr. Crowther Smith, who appeared for the plaintiffs in the other two cases, said he had the same instructions. He understood that the hotel was closed, and that the furniture and effects were being sold.

Mr. Hong Sing: My claim is for goods sold and delivered, and there is no defence to the action.

Mr. Smith: There were other actions against them, which were settled before they came on for hearing.

Mr. Dixon: I imagine these will all be settled. I don't mind an early date next week.

Mr. Hong Sing: There is no defence. I think we are entitled to judgment.

His Lordship: Strictly, an application of this sort ought to be supported by affidavits.

Mr. Dixon: I will consent to judgment in all three cases.

OBJECTION TO EX PARTE STATEMENTS.

Two writs have been issued by the Fong On Hong against Lee On Wing and others in which the claims amount to \$1,118.20, but it appears that the defendants have not been served. The cases were mentioned before His Honour Mr. Justice Gompertz in the Summary Court this morning.

Mr. A. Crow, who represented the defendants, asked that the cases be adjourned for a week.

Mr. H. L. Denny, for the plaintiffs, said he was instructed that all the partners in the defendant firm had disappeared from the Colony, and he wished the cases to be taken as soon as possible.

His Lordship: You mean that none of the partners have been served?

Mr. Denny: None of the partners are here, but a short time ago they promised to pay both these claims.

His Lordship: They come and go, of course.

Mr. Crow: The managing partner is in the Colony. It is a question of a guarantee.

Mr. Denny: It is not a question of a guarantee at all.

Mr. Crow: My friend claims for goods sold and delivered, but there is a question of a guarantee.

Mr. Denny: If your Lordship will give me a day the cases will be settled. There are a lot of quite large claims against these people which are perfectly simple, as the amounts have been acknowledged by their own chop.

Mr. Crow: I would ask your Lordship to adjourn the cases for a week. My friend comes into Court and makes ex parte statements which are not supported.

Mr. Denny: I am the only person to make them.

Mr. Crow: About the insolvent condition of an extremely respectable firm here.

Mr. Denny: An extremely respectable firm ought to pay its debts.

Mr. Crow: My friend must substantiate those debts before they are paid.

Mr. Denny: Defendants have admitted the debts. We have given them time, and now they come here and ask for a further adjournment.

In reply to his Lordship, Mr. Denny stated that the goods had been owing some months.

His Lordship: If you have waited six months, why should I disarrange my list now?

Mr. Denny: I understand various creditors have been paid, and that we have been kept back. It is only a question of fixing a day, and a settlement will be arrived at.

Mr. Crow: I am entitled to a week's adjournment as a matter of course.

His Lordship: I have nothing before me about the position of this firm, are they disposing of these goods?

Mr. Denny: I don't think there are any goods there, and they merely told us that they could not pay.

Mr. Crow: The managing partner of this firm was suing here last Friday.

His Lordship: Did he win his case?

Mr. Crow: Yes, and my friend came into Court and makes a number of ex parte statements of a derogatory nature of an extremely respectable Chinese firm here. The managing partner was here yesterday evening.

Mr. Denny was sorry to say they could not serve him.

His Lordship: How many times has the bailiff been?

Bailiff Hill: Twice, my Lord.

In reply to his Lordship, Mr. Crow said he would accept service of the writ on behalf of the managing partner, and the case was put into next Friday's list.

G.O.C. AND THE CRISTAL PALACE.

Mr. James Gray, agent at V. Court, has just received from the London County Council a copy of the report of the committee of the Crystal Palace, which contains a list of the names of the persons who have been appointed to the various committees of the Crystal Palace, and a list of the names of the persons who have been appointed to the various committees of the Crystal Palace.

CUT PRICE MARRIAGES.

Mr. Henry the celebrated poet and dramatist, who has been married three times, has just been married a fourth time, and he is now a happy man.

SPORTING.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

To-morrow's Matches.

1st DIVISION, HONGKONG LEAGUE.
Hongkong Club v. R. E. Club ground.
4 p.m. Referee, Mr. F. W. Eager.
2nd DIVISION, HONGKONG LEAGUE.
88th Coy. R.G.A. v. Submarine.
Military ground, 4 p.m. Referee, Mr. A. P. Storrie.

HONGKONG v. R.E.

The following team will represent Hongkong F.C. in this league match to-morrow on the club ground, kick-off at 4 p.m., C.G. Cope; J. Stalker and M. L. Ralls; R. Brown, W. B. Dighton and H. F. Long; C. Wilde, T. L. Goldenburg, C. Edgcombe, J. Walker and N. L. Ralston.

Football Notes.

There has been less football during the past week than since the season commenced. The Club has played a couple of "friendly" games, losing to the "Mitoars" in a "wretched game" by 2-1. In the other there was a vast improvement in the Club's play, resulting in their effecting a draw with a good side from the "Tamar." Edgcombe is developing into a centre forward of the dashing type and when Pennell is fit and well again the Club can be expected to do even better. To-morrow they engage the Royal Engineers in a league game but there can be little hope of them scoring their first win on this occasion.

The sappers will also be in search of their first win or point of any sort, leaving out of account their unfinished game with the R.F.A., which does not reckon.

In the 2nd Division United Services League the Police still go strong, another match with the Staff and Departmental producing two points which puts them three in front of rivals. The 88th Coy., R.G.A., experienced their second defeat, their brother gunners at Stonecutters defeating them by 2-1. The Staff and Departmental picked up their third point as a result of drawing with the 88th Coy., R.G.A.,—a good performance this, and only bad luck kept them under when playing the Police. We shall soon see the Staff men winning matches. There has not been sufficient change in the League Tables to publish them this week but next week they will be published as usual.

The 2nd Division, Hongkong League is getting along with its programme, a list of matches to be played this month will be found in this column.

2nd Division, Hongkong League.

MATCHES FOR DECEMBER.

Thursday, 9th, Molesden R.C. v. 88th Coy. R.G.A. Military ground, 4 p.m. Referee, Mr. F. W. Eager.

Saturday, 13th, 88th Coy. R.G.A. v. Molesden R.C. Military ground, 2.30 p.m. Referee, Mr. J. Moran.

Saturday, 20th, B.O.C. v. Molesden R.C. Military ground, 2.30 p.m. Referee, Mr. W. Doe.

Saturday, 27th, B.O.C. v. 88th Coy. R.G.A. Military ground, 4 p.m. Referee, Mr. Tyler.

Cricket.

The following team will represent Cransgower in their league match against Kowloon to-morrow on the Cransgower ground.—L. A. Rose, E. L. Bragg, G. A. Hancock, R. A. Carvalho, R. Pastonji, F. K. Tata, G. E. Lane, B. Daviervalla, O. Musso, D. R. Bharra and R. Basu.

League Cricket.

The following will represent the Civil Service Cricket Club in a match against the Hongkong Cricket Club on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground to-morrow.—R. E. O. Bird (Captain) Hon. C. Severn, E. O. Barlow, A. Foster, R. O. Hinchinson, E. B. Reid, A. E. W. Salt, C. B. Sayer, A. B. Sutcliffe and R. C. Wilkie, Reserve, F. A. Biddle.

